

insanity was fully proved upon her trial, and she was remanded to jail ; after considerable detention her brother decided to take charge of her, and removed her to his house. Recently in a state of high excitement she attempted the life of her sister-in-law, and but for the timely arrival of her brother would have accomplished the shocking purpose. Her physician has lately written to me, that he regards her as a confirmed maniac, and dangerous at all times to be at large, as well as dangerous to all who unguardedly approach her when she is excited.

An insane man has lately been discharged from the jail in Beaufort County, and sent to Hyde, where he belonged. One also from Carteret, as I am told. In Craven County, I found a crazy man incarcerated in a noisome, damp, cold dungeon ; "placed there for safe keeping!" His condition was very wretched ; and his prospects of relief and appropriate treatment no better : if left there he must become a confirmed madman.

In a dark, dreary and filthy dungeon, in Northampton County, I lately found an insane man who had been confined closely for several years. I did not persevere in entering this dungeon, though I examined others corresponding with it in dimensions, but cleanly kept. The keeper doubted the safety or decency of opening the doors, and no advantage could have been derived from doing so, merely to attempt the near survey of a place, that must assure permanence to disease ; and aggravation to bodily and mental disability. I am disposed to believe that the keeper conceived himself in the performance of his duty, to the extent such means as he possessed allowed. This case I recollect, was repeatedly described, before I reached Jackson, by humane and intelligent citizens in adjacent Counties, better possessed of facts than myself, and speaking from personal observation of his sufferings, noted in professional calls at the jail, during the session of the Courts.

If Jails are unfit institutions for the treatment and restraint of the Insane, County poor-houses are but a degree, if indeed at all more suitable.